

Flashes of Fun.

—Dr. F. (at the clinic, to the students)—“Gentlemen, I have to beg your pardon. I’ve made a slight mistake and taken off the patient’s well leg. However, I’ll cure the other, which will make it all right.”

—A writer in the *Agriculturist* asks: “What shall we do to make the kitchen bright?” You might accelerate the fire with a tilt of the kerosene can. That generally tends to brighten up things for an hour or two.

—“Were you in the late war?” asked a veteran of a badly demoralized citizen, who came hobbling down the street on a crutch. “I don’t know how late you mean,” was the sad reply. “She gave me this one last evening before tea.”

—“I have been married now,” boasted a prosy old fellow, “more than thirty years, and have never given my wife a cross word.” “That’s because you never dared, uncle,” said a little nephew who lived with them. “If you had, auntie would have made you jump.”

—Not many soldiers would have thought of the droll reply that rose to the lips of the Confederate who was caught in the persimmon tree by Gen. Longstreet. When sternly asked by his commander what he was doing there, the veteran at once disarmed wrath by saying: “I’m eating green persimmons to draw my stomach up so it’ll fit its rations.”

—This is the way they are said to make love in Germany: “Do you love me, Gretchen?” said a burly Teuton to the maiden of his choice. “I do,” was the meek reply. “And will you be my wife?” “I will.” “Then my darling, come here and pull off my boots,” and the proper relationship between husband and wife was at once established.

—A servant girl in New Haven stole her mistress’ false teeth. The woman told a policeman that “She skeesh cosh shwensy shollarsh, ansh she shwash wosh shusha wresh ashdoshteesh fawshe sheet—” “Wait till I find an interpreter,” interrupted the policeman, thinking the woman was a newly-arrived Hungarian; but she was an American, and when her teeth were in she could talk the head off him.

—Backus, the minstrel, had an enormous mouth. One summer he and his fellow minstrel, Birch, parted, Birch to go fishing and Backus to go to Chicago. When Birch one day had fished for a short time, there came a tremendous yank at his hook. Using all his might he pulled to the surface a fish of surprising proportions, and with the largest mouth he had ever seen in any member of the finny tribe. “Great gollywhoppus! Backus,” cried the burnt cork angler in amazement, dropping his tackle and springing to his feet, “I thought you were in Chicago!”

—The Chinaman has a cheerful way of making his wants known, even if he is short of understanding as to expressing himself in our language. One of them went into a store in a town in Montana, and walking up to the counter, deposited a grasshopper thereon, saying, as he gazed upon the clerk with a confident look: “He too much hoppee—stop him. You sabbee?” The obliging clerk at once commenced measuring off mosquito bar, to the intense delight of the heathen. The grasshoppers had been destroying his garden, and wanting to purchase some mosquito bar, but not knowing the name of the article, he brought the destroyer with him, and the clerk understood in moment what John Chinaman wanted.

—City gent—“Can you tell me of any nice farm house round here where I can get board?”

Farmer—“Nice farm house?”

City gent—“Yes.”

Farmer—“Wal, I s’pose you want a nice, cheerful place, whar you can be accommodated with tolerable good sized rooms?”

City gent—“Just so.”

Farmer—“And whare they keep a kerridge?”

City gent—“Exactly.”

Farmer—“And whar you can get plenty of fresh eggs, and milk and chickens, and vegetables, and sitch like?”

City gent—“Precisely!”

Farmer—“And whar they charge pretty moderate?”

City gent—“The very thing I want.”

Farmer—“Wal, there aren’t no sitch place round here.”

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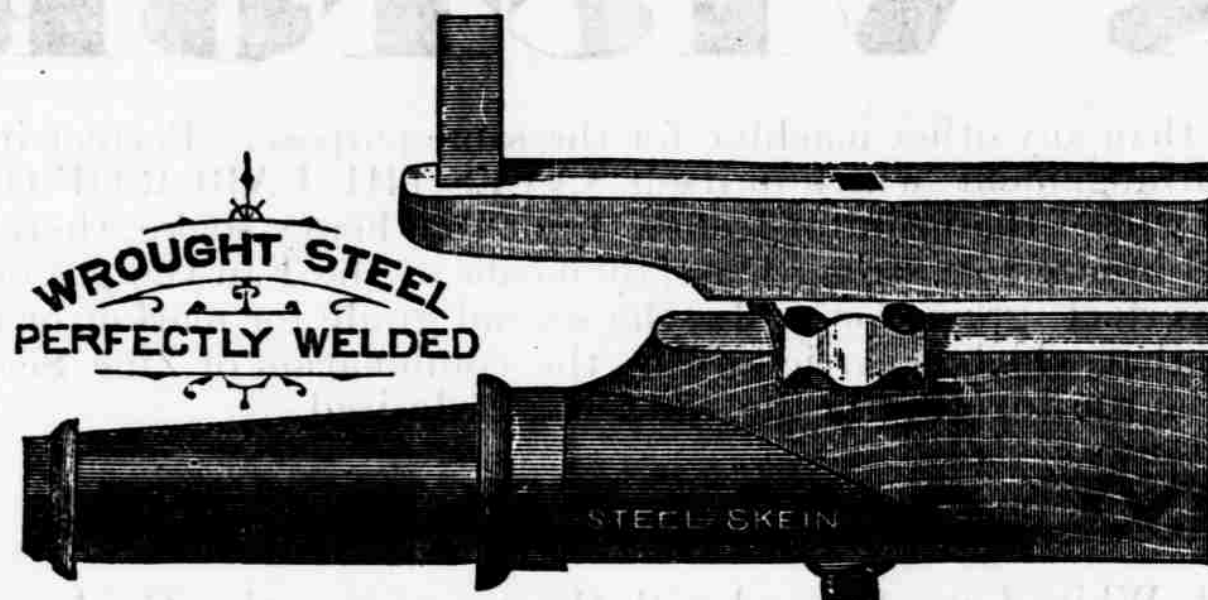
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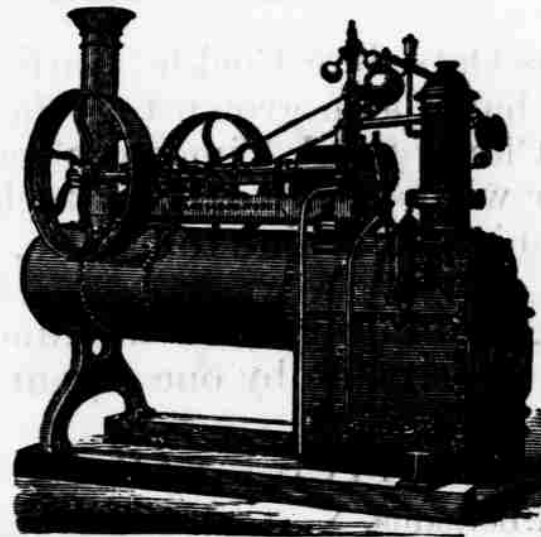
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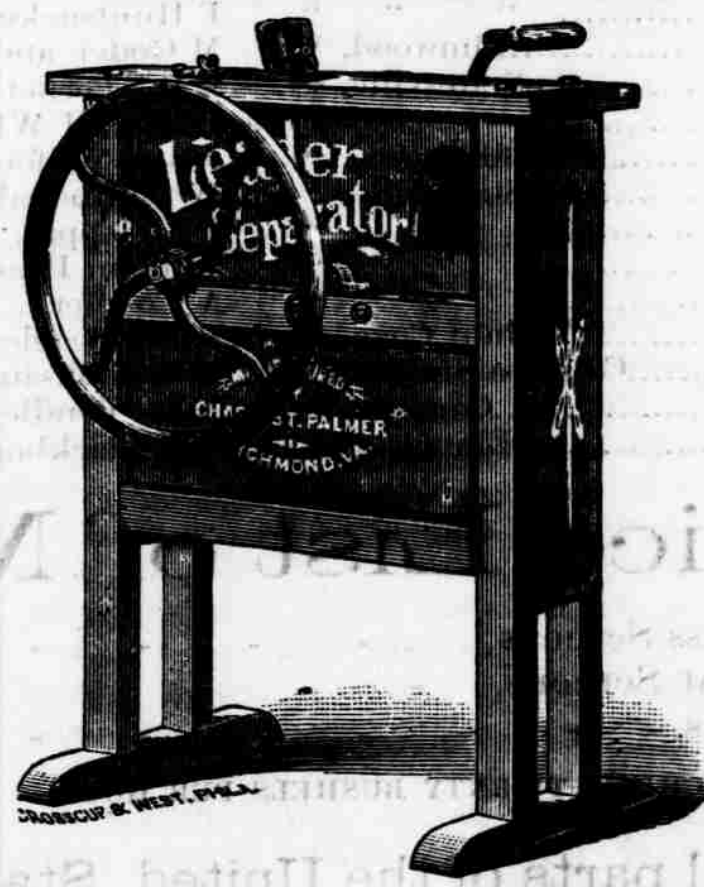
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